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And now: Hellas v. Heidelberg



• Alun Evans

Having beaten Marconi 4-3 in the most thrilling match of the season, South Melbourne Hellas will advance to the PSL grand final if it beats arch-rival Heidelberg at Olympic Park on Saturday.

Trailing 0-3 at half time against Marconi, Hellas looked down and out. Hellas president Sam Papasavas conceded defeat to Marconi boss Tony Labbozzetta. An air of gloom hung over the stadium, and the more emotional fans were holding back their tears, waiting for the camouflaging rain. Even coach John Margaritis didn't seriously believe that escape was possible.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

But miracles do happen. They happen in sport.

The Hellas players kept their heads while those around them yielded to despair.

Captain Alun Evans led by example, out-fighting, out-thinking and outplaying Tony Henderson, Jim Cant and Ivo Prskalo; as indeed, he had done in the first half. The difference was that he started scoring as well.

The first one came just at the right time — four minutes into the half, a strategic goal which stiffened the backbone of every Hellas player.

Then three more in the space of seven minutes — a thundering 30-yarder from

Arthur Xanthopoulos, a jackhammer header by Branko Buljevic and with eight minutes to go, the winner — whipped home first-time by Evans after a corner from Duncan Cummings.

Buljevic, not renowned as a physical player, was kicking, shoving, barging past opponents during this extraordinary fight-back. It was aggression and determination, shown by every one of the Hellas men that enabled them to climb this mountain.

And they didn't do it alone, for they had every one of the 4500 spectators whipping them along, cheering them on. "Hel — las, Hel — las, Hel — las!"

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SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (Evans 49th. and 82nd., Xanthopoulos 75th., Buljevic 80th.), MARCONI 3 (Shane 10th., Byrne penalty 19th., Krnecic 41st.), Phillips League elimination final at Middle Park, Sunday, crowd about 4500.

HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Blair 8, Xanthopoulos 9, Lutton 8, Davidson 8 — Rogers 7, Cummings 7, Campbell 6 — Kakantoni 6, (Wright 9, half time), Evans 10, Buljevic 8.

MARCONI: Maher 7 — Brogan 7, Prskalo 6, Henderson 6, Cant 6 — Raskopoulos 6, Byrne 9, Mariani 6 (Lindsay 77th.) — Shane 8, Jankovics 6, Krnecic 8.

Cautions: Raskopoulos (Marc).

Referee: Chris Bambridge 9.

Youth Cup hopes get boost

The national youth team may live, train and study together at the Australian Sports Institute in Canberra all of next year, leading up to the world youth championships in October.

And they may play as a team in the eastern zone of the national youth league to be formed regionally next season.

All members of the national squad have been offered soccer scholarships at the Institute. The Australian Soccer Federation and the Government will pay the \$4000 cost for each member.

"Living together and practicing soccer at least four hours a day at the Institute would be perfect preparation for the world championships," ASF youth development officer Brian Emerg said this week.

He said he would talk it over with the squad in its four-day training camp in Canberra later this month.

The squad will take part in the Victoria Cup competition against South Melbourne Hellas, Footscray JUST, Preston-Makedonia, Croatia, Ajax, Hakoah and Juventus in Melbourne from 22 October to 18 November.

At the Sports Institute, the players will combine their course of soccer practice, theory and coaching, with whatever academic courses they choose.

These can be undertaken at the nearby Australian National University, the Department of Advanced Education or TAFE (Technical and Further Education). Those still at high school can do their Higher School Certificate.

Players no longer at school can enrol just for the soccer course and the ASF will help get them jobs in Canberra.

Either 16 or 18 places will be available in the soccer course next year. If they cannot be filled from within the youth squad, the balance will be filled from among other applicants.

Brian Emerg said if enough members of the youth squad enrol, they will be entered as a team in the eastern division of the national youth league which also will comprise the five Sydney-based PSL clubs, Newcastle KB United, Canberra City and Wellington City.

The NSW Federation executive has recommended to its annual general meeting that the proposal of the new youth league be accepted.

It would mean the PSL clubs would field youth teams instead of Federation teams and it would involve re-organisation of the Federation competitions.

Existing youth leagues in Melbourne, Newcastle, Adelaide and elsewhere would be expanded and would become part of the national youth league concept, with play-offs at the end of the year between State youth champions.

Meanwhile, the Sports Institute is yet to appoint its soccer director, who would coach the boys taking the course.

National coaching director Eric Worthington and ASF president Sir Arthur George will recommend the applicant they consider most suitable to the Department of Home Affairs which will make the appointment.

Former national coach Jim Shoulder is said to be among those being considered.

Former national captain Johnny Warren also has applied.



While he wasn't busy scoring 30-metre goals, Arthur Xanthopoulos tended to his defensive duties in Hellas's 4-3 victory over Marconi. He heads clear in front of Bertie Mariani.

SLAVIA TO KEEP ITS IDENTITY

Slavia is not for sale.

Club secretary Vince French has made it clear that Slavia will retain its identity and play in the Victorian First Division next season, after being relegated from the State League.

French (pictured) dispelled speculation that the club would sell out or amalgamate.

"We will be back in the State League in 1982," he said.

"We were relegated once before, but we bounced back quickly and we will again."



MAKEDONIA FOR PSL

Fourteen or 16 clubs..... Makedonia, Olympic or Melita..... St. George in or out?

These questions are expected finally to be answered this week when the Australian Soccer Federation makes its decision on PSL promotion and relegation.

The PSL Council of Clubs voted unanimously about two months ago that the league should be increased to 16 providing it costs the present clubs no extra money.

The addition of two clubs would increase the league's air travel bill by \$40,000 but apparently Wollongong City and Preston Makedonia are willing to chip in \$20,000 each for the first year while the PSL shops around for extra sponsorship.

Wollongong already has been accepted to the 1981 PSL competition.

A new Tasmanian club, which was to have been called the Tassie Tigers, was the frontrunner for the other vacancy in a 16-club league, but the Tasmanians withdrew their application last week.

A \$300,000 sponsorship deal with a hotel chain fell through when Tasmania's leading coach Ken Morton quit Rapid Wrest prior to joining Wollongong City.

Apparently the prospective sponsor had taken it for granted that Morton would be the coach of the Tigers.

With Tasmania out of the way, Victorian State League champion Preston Makedonia surely must be admitted if the league is increased in size.

This would simply restore the status quo, as the league started with four Victorian representatives which were cut back to three when Mooroolbark dropped out after the 1977 season.

The addition of Makedonia would assist the other Melbourne clubs as they would each have another crowd-pulling home match.

But there may be pressure from the State League to retain Makedonia for exactly the same reason.

Last-placed St. George and second-last West Adelaide have been relegated from the PSL and have applied for re-admission.

West Adelaide is certain to be re-admitted, but St. George may find it difficult as NSW State League champion Melita Eagles and runner-up Sydney Olympic

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Croatia tops but PSL my ambition

I suppose if Eddie Krncevic hadn't broken his leg Essendon Croatia would never have bought me from Slavia.

When Frank Burin signed me for Croatia it ended a period of decline for me as a player.

I started playing competitively in the South East County Division Two League in England when I was 15.

I had trials with Spurs and Ipswich before Ron Atkinson, now manager of West Brom, signed me as a pro for Fourth Division Cambridge United.

I scored 15 goals in 22 games for Cambridge reserves and I had three league games.

I played for the reserves mid-week and for my home town club, Saffron Walden, on the weekend.

A bloke called John Butler was at Cambridge and he had gone to Australia and played for Slavia about 10 years or so earlier.

He got me a free from Cambridge and suggested I try my luck in Australia.

To tell you the truth, I hadn't given any thought to playing over here but I thought: why not give it a go, so over I came and signed with Slavia.

I didn't know about any other club and looking back I

suppose I should think Slavia for bringing me over here but like most other players who were at Slavia, I wasn't as well looked after as I had been told I would be.

I had a year there, then I wanted to leave because there were lots of hassles over money.

Half way through my first season the trouble about our money started.

Although there was no written agreement the club had told us that we would get a \$10 bonus as part of a bonus system operating should we get into the top four.

Half way through the season we were in second spot and we thought we deserved the money so we had a players' meeting and nine out of 12 players voted not to play.

Tommy Randies was coach at the time I wanted to go and he was interested only in those who wanted to stay so I played

Then Alan Vest at Newcastle KB United showed interest in me and Slavia slapped a \$10,000 price tag around my neck, which ended the Newcastle move.

I was glad to get away to Croatia and I haven't looked back because the club really has looked after me well and it is far more professional than clubs.

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John has picked up some of Len's ideas but has used many of his own.

But Victorian soccer owes a great deal to Len and his State side is one of the best sides I have played in, and that includes sides I played for in England.

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I was a bit green and raw-boned when I was a young pro in England and there was a lot more pressure on me over there.

Here I am regarded as a senior player and I can relax more and look forward to my game. I've never enjoyed soccer as much as I'm enjoying it now.

But I'm really desperate to get into the PSL and if I get there it will be with one of two Melbourne clubs because I've just bought a house here and I'm pretty much settled.

When I came here the playing standard was equivalent to the Southern League in England — one of the top non-league competitions.

The standard has certainly risen with the advent of the PSL and I would say, even though it's hard to make comparisons, that most PSL clubs would compare favorably with English Third Division clubs.

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On the Ball The Player's Viewpoint



CARL GILDER

in the reserves until Croatia signed me.

Actually I had talks with Rale Basic at Adelaide City but they broke down when I decided to go home to get married.

You see, Rasic wanted me to stay here so that I could start training early.

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Altona's battle is continuing

Victorian State League club Altona City could incur an administrative upheaval at its annual general meeting.

Joe Wilson, former first team coach, ended a five year association with Altona three weeks ago and although Wilson and Altona parted on good terms the former coach suggested that certain attitudes around the club will have to change if Altona is to achieve success.

"There wasn't much communication between the coaching staff and the committee," said Wilson, "especially when things became desperate toward the end of last season."

"I think there are a few people around the club who are prepared to sit back and accept that Altona has achieved its goal by becoming a State League club," he continued.

"But it's not a great deal of money with which to buy players and whenever we have a promising youngster he's snapped up by wealthier clubs so it's a constant battle to keep your head above water."

"It's back to square one as far as Altona is concerned and after my time there I decided to try a fresh challenge and look for a new club."

"It's hard to get the best out of the players when you've become



Eddie Krncevic (right) and Tommy Cumming, showing off two of Croatia's many cups.



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KEN MORTON

Wollongong's gain is Rapid's loss

By WALTER PLESS

Rapid-Wrest Point is undoubtedly the best team in Tasmania. State League champions for the second successive year, Ampol Cup winners this year too, they are unbeaten after 27 league and cup games, an outstanding performance by any standard.

The players are well looked after by a dedicated group of 'back-room staff' consisting of First Aid men and team officials. Nothing is left to chance.

Rapid will miss coach Ken Morton next year. He recently has been appointed coach of new Philips League side Wollongong City. Morton has provided a professional touch to Rapid's training. His coaching sessions are demanding yet enjoyable. They are well planned and executed and the back-up facilities are first class.

The session I attended was held on a bitterly cold, wind and rain-swept night and the ground conditions were heavy. Many a coach would have cancelled training, but not Morton.

As the players arrived, Morton ticked their names off on his attendance sheet. This, together with his written notes for the session, is meticulous accurate. Attendances at the almost 130 sessions held this season have been almost 100%.

The players received rub-downs and had any necessary strapping applied by the team's First Aid crew, led by Brian Evans. Then, after being issued with either a blue or a yellow tee shirt, which would serve as a training bib, the players tramped onto the field.

After the 75-minute session, the players returned to hot showers and hot drinks. It is no wonder that there were no grumbles about training in the prevailing conditions. The previous evening, the players had been treated to massages and sauna.

The match day procedure highlighted both the professionalism of Morton and the superb planning and organisation that is a feature of the Rapid-Wrest Point club. The match was to be an evening one, the final of the Cadbury Jubilee Trophy and because of this a light training session was held in the afternoon. The players then reported to a hotel, which is a co-sponsor of the team, for a team meal and pre-match tactical talk.

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In the second half, Brighton hit a purple patch and took a 2-0 lead but the Rapid machine stuck to its task.

Morton, leading his team superbly by example, struck twice to level the score and take the game into extra time. That is how it stayed and Rapid's record remained intact. They lived to fight another day.

Although there was an air of disappointment at not having won, Morton consoled his players. He thanked each one individually for his performance.

They should be pleased with their efforts, as not many teams get back from 2-0 down. The gloom began to lift.

One could see that the players retained absolute confidence in the man, both as a player and as a coach.

Regardless of what happened in the replay, Ken Morton had done his job. Wollongong's gain is definitely Rapid's loss.



Cirkovic blasts Bergers over Victoria Cup

Prominent coach Cedo Cirkovic this week expressed the feeling of most of the Victoria Cup participants when he criticised Heidelberg United from withdrawing from the competition.

The reason given by Heidelberg is that it will have too many players away on the Socceros' world tour and that others want a holiday.

Cirkovic said: "It looks like

coach Len McKendry only wants to play if his team is guaranteed of winning.

"But what about the club's young players, and the reserves who are on the bench all year — Yanicos, Pavlidis, Provan, Taylor, Williams, Moulias and some others? Why not give them a chance?"

"J.U.S.T. may have Lujic, Hazabent and a couple of others away on holidays, and we will let Belic play in the Australian youth team, so we will use young players."

"They will be happy to get a chance. They will try hard to show they are good players and that they want to play in the first team."

Heidelberg should do this too.

Cirkovic returned to the T.S.L. recently and is likely to coach the team next year.

"But it's too late for Heidelberg. When the club withdrew, the VSF replaced it with the national youth team which will use the tournament as preparation for competitions in Fiji and Israel later this year."

"They will be happy to get a chance. They will try hard to show they are good players and that they want to play in the first team."

The draw for the Victoria

Olympic Park — Section A: 1st Game Preston Makedonia v Juventus 7.00 pm. 2nd Game National Youth II v Footscray 8.45 pm.

Sunday 26 October at Middle Park — Section B: 1st Game Essendon Croatia v St. Kilda Hakoah 1.30 pm. 2nd Game South Melbourne v Green Gully 3.15 pm.

Wednesday 29 October at Olympic Park — Section A: 1st Game — Footscray v Juventus. 2nd Game National Youth II v Preston Makedonia.

Sunday 2 November at Middle Park — Section B: 1st Game Green Gully v St. Kilda Hakoah. 2nd Game South

Melbourne v Essendon Croatia.

Wednesday 5 November at Olympic Park — Section A: 1st Game Juventus v National Youth II. 2nd Game Essendon Croatia v Green Gully.

Sunday 9 November at Middle Park — Section B: 1st Game Preston Makedonia v Footscray. 2nd Game St. Kilda Hakoah v South Melbourne.

Wednesday 12 November — semi-finals at Olympic Park: 1st Game winner section A v runner-up section B. 2nd Game winner section B v runner-up section A.

Sunday 16 November final at Olympic Park. Winners of semi-Finals.

KB's appeal is successful

The "Newcastle is United" Appeal has concluded at a total of \$5,771.20 which was raised as follows:

1. Appeals committee/supporters' Club Special Activities \$17,261.71.

2. Cans Bakery contribution \$10,000.

3. Corporate Donations \$12,783.70.

4. Newcastle International Sports Centre Trust \$4,995.79.

5. Newcastle International Sports Centre Club's entertainment committee \$1,705.

6. Public Subscriptions and member's contributions \$12,783.70.

The Club wishes to thank the people of Newcastle for their generous support in the club's

We're taking on the cricket millions

All advocates of summer soccer should please take note of cricket's plans for this summer.

Then after digesting them, I suggest they get back to reality and concentrate on attempting to promote and market soccer in the winter — the proper season for all football, soccer included.

But back to cricket's plans, announced last week by the PBL marketing company that is marketing cricket so successfully.

In one of the most lavish promotional exercises in the history of Australian sport, PBL announced that more than \$3 million will be poured into the promotion of cricket.



TOM ANDERSON

The bulk of the \$3 million will be spent on television advertising to attract the fans to the games.

The players will vie for prize money of more than \$300,000.

And at the end of the season the Benson and Hedges Cricketer-of-the-year will win a gold-colored Datsun 280 ZX valued at \$20,000.

So there you have it, TV will be saturated with cricket along with a course, all the big golf tournaments and big tennis tournaments.

Again I say, with soccer's modest budget it will be a farce to try to take these sports on.

Sure, the advocates will say that soccer is to be played at night in the summer and will not clash with the real summer sports.

The answer to that is, that sports fans, by the time they have finished with the cricket, tennis, golf and horse racing

will want an escape from sport — not more of it in the form of soccer.

I see that the argument that

New York Cosmos drew a gi-

ant crowd at night in the

summer is still being used by the summer soccer protago-

nists.

Believe me there are no

drawards the Cosmos stars

playing in the Philips League.

Again I say, as I have said

many times in the past, Rik

Booth and his marketing com-

pany should concentrate on

marketing and promoting

soccer in the winter.

They have not tried this and

in fact it has never really been

marketed or promoted proper-

ly like it is winter.

So why they want to

change seasons without having a

real go? It is that we have

not been given the real reason

for the desire to change sea-

sons.

Could the reason be that this is being done to introduce indoor soccer to Australia?

And that the only way indoor soccer will get off the ground is to change the conventional season to summer?

It is no secret that all our top clubs would vehemently oppose their players being used midway in an indoor competition and then having to play PSL games at the weekend.

And no indoor competition would have a hope in hell of surviving without PSL players taking part.

So to get over this difficulty, conventional soccer is to be sacrificed and moved to

summer to make way for what is hoped to be a money-draw-

ing indoor league.

Money-drawing to whom is the question that has to be asked.

No doubt the clubs will want the answer before they vote on summer soccer in March.

And on this matter of summer soccer — played at night — what about the official attendance at last weekend's top four clash between Sydney City and Heidelberg.

The officials of the Sports Ground are adamant that there were only 1700 paying customers — so much for summer soccer played at night.

WHY CANBERRA, SAINTS STRUGGLE

St. George was once the backbone of the national team and one of the top two or three clubs in Australia. Today it is waiting nervously for news about whether it will be readmitted to the PSL after finishing last on the ladder.

Canberra City has the potential to be what St. George was in its finest years but despite an excellent stadium, solid community support and an expensive recruitment drive this year, Canberra still fails to realise its potential.

Ironically both clubs have failed for opposite reasons: St. George because it is a "closed shop", Canberra because it is too democratic.

The St. George leaders have only themselves to blame for the sad demise of the club over the past five years.

The once-great club that was instrumental in informing the Philips League, has survived in the new league only because of some last-minute guest imports like Ray Clemence, Ralph Coates and Charlie George and because of two Houdini acts by coaches Joe Vlasits in 1978 and Raul Bianchi in 1979.

I joined Saints as a player in 1963. The only thing that hasn't changed in all that time is the committee and there's the rub. Players and coaches have come and gone — many cutting their ties with the club completely.

Imports only way to ease drain on talent

The drain on Australian Soccer talent overseas, currently a trickle, could become a flood within the next few years.

This, the latest of Soccer's

Let's have a look at the ongoing exodus of coaches: Vlasis, Rasic, Arok, Johnson, Warren, Schaefer, Takac, Gelei, Blanco and now, perhaps Arok again.

Arok is not walking back to what he had in the sixties when Saints boasted great players like Abonyi, Schaefer, Ainslie, Williams, Alston, Hogg, Denton, Fraser, Harris and Utjenovic.

He is talented enough to inspire a revival but not without first engineering a drastic restructuring of the club.

The people who founded the club have to be shown respect for what they have done in the past but I'm afraid many no longer have the time or the enthusiasm to make sure the club gets back onto the right road.

One of my problems with the club before I left in 1975 was that I argued against the fact that the Hungarian was on the committee. I argued that ability, not nationality should be the major criterion.

It is still true that the committee needs new blood and

that it must streamline its organisation.

It has been claimed that the club neglected its team this year in order to concentrate its efforts on competing the new stand at Barton Park.

But that's not true. The fact is the club spent more on the team in the past three or four years than it ever did in the past.

Traditionally, Saints have not been known as big spenders on the transfer market. They had a more or less settled team over a long period and they filled the gaps with an import here or there, along with young players coming up through the ranks — Morgan, O'Shea, Williams, Grossie, Jankovics, Treasure and so on.

This year, they rebuilt their team twice — once during the off-season after unloading a lot of long-serving stars, and then half-way through the year when they added Stone, Russell and Ernie Campbell.

Whereas good young players were available in abundance in the past, the present St. George team has only of its own products — Peter Terry and Mark Barton.

There have been four presidents in the past four years —

Dave Dillon, Doug Holliman, Charlie Perkins and Theo Moulis — and innumerable board changes.

At the moment the soccer club has control of the social club whose articles of association demand that the board must be elected every year.

The only way this can be changed is if a separate soccer committee is formed to hold office for at least three years, but doing that you run the risk of losing control of the social club.

No less than 300 members vote at the annual meetings.

While St. George has been too insular, perhaps too authoritarian at the top, Canberra's problem is that it is too democratic.

That's part of the reason that Canberra has been unable to get the desired results despite its big spending, its solid crowd support (when the team wins) and its good stadium.

Certainly Heidelberg seems very willing to listen to the offers for Cole, Zendorn and others who may follow the path of former goalkeeper, Yaka Banovic.

If our clubs do sell their top stars they must use part of the money to provide the grounds and other facilities so badly needed and not squander it meaninglessly.

One of the few good things that may come out of the sale of our soccer cream would be the use of the money to upgrade our soccer and our stadiums.

The great danger to the code from a continuing drain of our top players would be to keep the standard at the top improving the way it has in the past four years, since the start of the Philips league.

I do emphatically believe it

is the standard of our game which is holding us back more than any other factor.

This being the case clubs must be allowed to import stars from overseas to counteract the drain of our top talent.

Spectators need stars. Soccer here needs stars if it is to grow.

If our stars are going to move to richer pastures, which inevitably they will, then we must import others to take their place.

Rothman's director of soccer coaching for Australia, Eric Worthington, said he would know that his coaching scheme was beginning to provide results when we started selling our stars overseas.

That time has now arrived.

The ASF now needs to look at the situation carefully and consult with our top clubs to come up with a set of guidelines which will protect the interests of all parties concerned.

The parties concerned are the players, clubs, Australian Soccer and most of all the paying public.

With so many people involved, it is inevitable that politicking goes on — and it certainly does.

As soon as the team has a couple of bad results, one half of the members politicks against the other half to get the president, the committee or the coach out at the next elections.

The instability caused by all these undercurrents is reflected in the performance of the team.

In the latter part of the 1980 season Canberra City's biggest opponent was Canberra City itself.

Canberra has much in common with Newcastle, but they differ in one important area — stability of administration. As a result, Newcastle always gets good results at

home. Canberra on the other hand, has failed this year to get good results in front of its divided "supporters."

The establishment of Canberra City opened the way for further decentralisation of soccer. Newcastle followed suit by moving to Wollongong City and we'll decentralise further into Geelong, Gosford, Townsville etc.

Having played the role of the pioneer, Canberra now must continue to show the way by getting success on the field.

Equipped with probably the youngest squad in the PSL, Canberra's potential is unlimited. Once these players start putting it together, and get a run on, they can become Australia's top team and they can remain at the top for a long time simply because of their youth.

But stability must come first.

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These may be the forerunners of many more as overseas clubs eye our ever improving players, who by world standards are dirt cheap to buy.

I doubt whether any of our current players could hold down a First Division place in top European club sides in Germany, Spain, Italy or England.

On the other hand there is good money to be made in Holland, Greece, USA and other middle standard soccer countries, where they could get a first team berth.

The same applies in Second and Third Division clubs in England and the other major soccer nations, where players earn excellent wages.

English Second Division clubs regularly pay up to \$500,000 transfer fees for players.

They could buy our very best stars for \$100,000, or at maximum \$200,000.

Our clubs like to win trophies and ensure that star players are needed to do that, they also seem to be rather bedazzled by the big cheques being waved at them by agents of European clubs.

That time has now arrived. The ASF now needs to look at the situation carefully and consult with our top clubs to come up with a set of guidelines which will protect the interests of all parties concerned.

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CROATIA LOOKING GOOD FOR CUP

It's long odds-on for Croatia and Makedonia to contest the final of the 1980 State League Cup on Sunday at Olympic Park.

Their clash will be preceded by the final of the Amateur League Cup between Maccafe Hakoah and McLeod, kicking off at 1.30 pm.

Defence requirements force me to preview a Croatia-Makedonia final without knowing the result of tonight's (Wednesday) clashes between Hakoah and Makedonia, and Croatia and Ajax.

Should Hakoah confound the critics and get to the final it will likely be at Makedonia's expense and Croatia should stroll through the final and win by a clear-cut margin.

The difference between Croatia and Makedonia and the other top four sides has been the highlight of the competition. The road toward a head-on clash between these super teams of State League soccer should continue after tonight's games and the scene is almost set for a memorable final before an excellent crowd.

Croatia can defeat Makedonia and add the State League Cup to its Ampol and Dockerty Cup victories this year.

The Carl Gilder-Noel Mitten partnership is realising its potential after gaining good pre-season publicity but failing to flatten throughout the league program.

Tommy Cumming and Ken Murphy are fit and join a squad brimful of talent.

Makedonia does not enjoy as much depth, especially after Gary Ward's loss last weekend when the club's leading scorer broke his left leg.

Croatia senses success and urged on by the revenge motive after suffering two defeats from Makedonia in league games this season. Croatia can continue its dazzling form in this Sunday's final.

Whoever is dropped from Croatia's midfield can consider himself unlucky.

Joe Trout has been in fine form recently. Howard Andrews has found touch at the business end of the season, every side needs an Alan Kerr and John Gardner's leadership is worth its weight in gold.

Where can Murphy and Cumming fit in?

Brian Edgley should have little trouble selecting his line-up because the stability of his team selection has been an important factor in Makedonia's success in 1980.

Ward's loss can be covered by George McMillan moving up front and Ljubo Petrovski can come into midfield, allowing the reliable Steve Beech to slot in at left back.

Although the outcome is never assured until the final whistle, there can be no doubt about the ferocity of this encounter as both sides have players who don't mess about and if they can't win the ball they take the man instead.

If this clash is half as good as last Sunday's game it will be a great crowd pleaser.

Croatia and Makedonia should consolidate their positions at the top of the top-four competition when the final preliminary round is played tonight (Wednesday) at Olympic Park.

The first match kicks off at 7pm between Hakoah and Makedonia, to be followed by Croatia v Ajax.

For Hakoah and Ajax only

make up the numbers in the competition as Makedonia and Croatia, keep on target for their collision in the final.

This situation should not change after tonight's matches and Makedonia should prove too tough for Hakoah but not before a few more are strewed around Olympic Park.



Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

GARY WARD BREAKS LEG

CROATIA 2 (Andrews, Kerr) MAKEDONIA 2 (Cullen, Lucchesi).

CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Short 8, Kokoska 8, Adams 7, Bilaver 7 — Trout 7, Andrews 8 (Cumming 75th), Kerr 8, Gardner 7 (Murphy 70th) — Mitten 7, Gilder 7.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 8 — Rainey 6, Higham 7, Flavelle 7, Petrovski 7 — Faulkner 8, McMillan 6, Lucchesi 7 — Cullen 7, Olerton 6, Ward 7 (Inj. Beech 37th 6).

Congratulations to the players of Croatia and Makedonia for providing a spectacle which gave the Victorian State League its best advertisement of the year.

This 2-2 draw had everything — tremendous team play, fine individual play, spectacular goals, spectacular misses, fierce tackling and a grandstand finish in which Makedonia snatched a late equaliser.

Along with 4,500 spectators I was thoroughly entertained.

You've got to hand it to Makedonia because sheer persistence earned it a point when it seemed that Croatia would win.

The first 15 minutes saw a reversal of roles as the usually aggressive Makedonia was the receiver end of ferocious tackles which culminated in an Ante Bilaver—Gary Ward clash which ended Ward's season as the Makedonia scoring ace was carried off with a broken left leg.

The incident highlighted the need for a stretcher to be placed near the field. Indeed, it was Makedonia specialist coach John Kennedy, watching the game from the grandstand, who charged down to ground level and ran into the players' race to later emerge with a stretcher for Ward.

How long do we have to wait

before officialdom sees the light and places stretchers close to the field within easy access of physiotherapists and club doctors?

Croatia was in command territorially in the opening 30 minutes but Noel Mitten failed to capitalise on a great chance when Mike Rainey slipped when trying to intercept a John Gardner cross-field ball and Mitten with Lou Kastner to beat a shot at the Makedonia keeper who parried clear.

Makedonia stunned Croatia with the opening goal in the 29th minute.

Ward sent Cullen through and the diminutive dynamo steadied, then slotted the ball low past Peter Blasby into the far corner of the goal.

Within two minutes scores were level.

Carl Gilder laid off to Joe Trout who came inside, then passed to Howard Andrews.

Andrews played a one-two with Mitten, ran inside and returned and cracked a first-right-foot shot past Lou Kastner, diving in at full value.

The crowd was on its toes as play switched quickly from end to end.

The pelting rain which marred the second half didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the players who continued to produce a hard-hitting spectacle.

Alan Kerr hammered home a thunderous left-foot shot from the right of the penalty area to put Croatia back into the lead in the 67th minute.

Seven minutes later Makedonia's players remonstrated with referee Momont when Olerton went down inside the area but Momont waved play on.

Ken Murphy had come on in place of Gardner and he almost caught Kastner napping with a curled free kick in the 77th minute which Kastner tapped onto the bar, then recovered to grab the rebound.

Mitten should have wrapped it up in the 80th minute when he was put through by Tommy Cumming, Andrews' replacement, but Kastner was quickly off his line and Mitten failed to add to his recent goalscoring feats by shooting straight at Kastner as he had done in the first half.

When it seemed a Croatia victory was assured, up bobbed the never-say-die Claude Lucchesi to snatch a point for Makedonia.

Ljubo Petrovski charged forward down Makedonia's right wing and crossed to the far post. Olerton under pressure from Steve Kokoska headed back across goal to Lucchesi who seemed to have lost his chance to score but, almost unbelievably, kept going and slid down to toe-poke the ball off Blasby and inside the near post.

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45 STATIONS IN GRAND TV FINAL

The Phillips League grand final at Bruce Stadium, Canberra, on 26 October, will be the greatest soccer extravaganza yet staged in Australia.

The big game will be televised live to 20 stations and on a delayed basis to 25 stations all over the country from Perth to Brisbane, from Newcastle to Hobart.

Channel 9 in Melbourne and Sydney will show the whole programme live from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Dunlop Sports Footwear is providing about \$10,000 cash to help meet the costs of staging the match, which kicks off at 2.30 pm.

Off-field attractions will include a family barbecue, a disco run by radio 2CA and a children's fairground.

On-field entertainment starts at 11 am.

The national youth team, coached by Rudo Gutendorf, will play against an All-Stars team I have picked. It is:

Ron Curry, Danny Moulis, Mike Milovanovic, Mike O'Shea, Harry Williams, John O'Shea, Attila Abonyi,

By JOHNNY WARREN, former Socceroo captain



Brendan Grosse, George Campbell (from Juventus Canberra, not South Melbourne), Tony Brennan and Walter Valeri.

There's a possibility Manfred Schaefer may play as well.

An 80-piece Army massed band will be featured, and there will be a skydiving exhibition as well as a RAAF guard dog display.

Balconnen Mall will sponsor a \$750 Superstars contest featuring Tony Brennan as the soccer representative.

competing against stars of Australian Rules, Rugby League and Rugby Union.

There will be six events in the contest — two of them at half time. They are 100 metres, 800m, 400m, penalty kicks, drop or punt kicks and place kicks. Prize-money is \$3000, \$2000 and \$1000.

Tickets to the game are available from Canberra soccer clubs, the Canberra Theatre, Thistle Kiosk at the Woden Plaza, and from John Davies at the Balconnen Mall. Stand prices are \$4.50 and \$1.50 for children and pensioners and outer prices \$3.50 and \$1.50.

I'm disappointed that some people are trying to ridicule the match between the youth team and the all-stars. They're saying that by getting some of the "old men" to play, we're making a mockery out of the youth team.

As I can say that if these boys go on to achieve half of what Abonyi and Corry have achieved, then our future is in good hands.

Corry, in 39, is still reserve goalkeeper at Marconi, and Abonyi, although he's restricted himself to coaching, could still play for any PSL team.

Unfortunately, the people who are making remarks about this match weren't around at the time soccer was being built up into what it is today by the likes of Corry, Abonyi and others.

★★★

I had a call from Adrian Alston in England the other day.

"Noddy" says he's keen to return to Australia to do coaching.

He currently manages a health farm in England but has coaching qualifications and his great knowledge

of the game would be a tremendous asset to any club. Alston is one of the all-time greats of the national team. He joined English club Luton Town after starring for Australia in the 1974 World Cup finals, and went on to play for Cardiff City and Tampa Bay Rowdies in the U.S. before an injury forced him to retire. In the meantime he returned briefly to Australia to play for Canberra City and for the Socceroos in their 1977 World Cup campaign.

Clubs interested in talking with Alston are welcome to ring me on Canberra 302488 for further details.

BRANKO ON TOP SINCE 1977

Branko Buljevic has scored eight goals in the 10 games between Hellas and Heidelberg since 1977.

He scored six of them for Heidelberg and two for Hellas after transferring there early this year.

All scores in games between the clubs since 1977:

HELLAS: 4; Rogers 3, Cummings 2, Buljevic 1; Kent, Drakford.

HEIDELBERG: 6; Buljevic 4, Cole 2, Taylor 1, Provan, J. Campbell, Paton, Yzendoorn, one goal; Rogers.

Of the five wins, Heidelberg has won five, drawn four and lost only one, while scoring 19 goals to 11.

All results since 1977 (not that Heidelberg won the title). From Alexander's start of the 1979?

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Cunningham 5th) **FITZROY ALEXANDER 1** (Provan 5th) at Middle Park.

HELLAS: Relly 8 — Pye 7, Xanthopoulos 6, Vassilidis 7, Hatzidakis 5, Gibson 5, Rogers 6, Dapera 4 (Alexiou 80th) — Cummings 6, Olerton 6, Frank 4, Total: 63.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 6 — Nelson 5, O'Reilly 7, Glykouli 7, Provan 5, Paton 5, Campbell 5, Drakford 5, Taylor 7, Paton 7, Bannon 7 — Bozikas 6 (Kokkinos 60th) — Buljevic 9. Total: 75.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 4 (Buljevic 2, Cole 2, Rogers own goal) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2** (Rogers 2) at Olympic Park.

ALEXANDER: Relly 4 (White 5, Dapera 58th) — V. Banerji 7, O'Reilly 7, Glykouli 7, Hatzidakis 7, McMillan 6 — Campbell 6 (Tzortzis 20th), Taylor 7, P. Bannon 7 — Bozikas 7 — Cole 7, Buljevic 9. Total: 75.

HELLAS: Relly 5 — Pye 5, Xanthopoulos 5, Kafalidis 5, Dapera 4 (Hagegeanoulli 6 half time) — Mitten 6, Rogers 5, Gibson 5 —

Kent 7, French 6, Olerton 8. Total: 66.

1978

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Kent 45th) **FITZROY ALEXANDER 1** (Cole 53rd) at Middle Park.

HELLAS: Hansen 7 — Pye 5, Kafalidis 8, Baxter 7, Hagegeanoulli 7 — Lutton 9, Wright 6, Rogers 6 — McGuinness 7, Olerton 6, Kent 8, Turner 8 — Taylor 7, Campbell 7, Alexander 8 — Blasby 8 — McMillan 7, Provan 7, P. Bannon 6, Tansey 8 — Campbell 8, Taylor 7, Trout 6 (O'Reilly 6, half time) — Bozikas 6, Cole 7, Buljevic 8. Total: 75.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 4 (Buljevic 2, Campbell, McMillan) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1** (Rogers) at Olympic Park.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 6 — Nelson 5, O'Reilly 7, Glykouli 7, Provan 5, Paton 5, Campbell 5, Drakford 5, Taylor 7, Paton 7, Bannon 7 — Bozikas 6, Cole 7, Buljevic 9. Total: 75.

PHILIPS CUP SECOND ROUND

FITZROY ALEXANDER 2 (Indred 8th, Taylor 11th) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1** (Cumming 8th) at Olympic Park (night game).

ALEXANDER: Marner 8 — McMillan 8, Provan 7, O'Reilly 9, Tansey 8 — Campbell 7 — Kent 7, Drakford 7 (Mittens 5th), Cole 6, Buljevic 7. Total: 64.

HELLAS: Relly 7 — Pye 5, Baxter 6 — Letton 6, Wright 6, Christopoulos 6 (McGuinness 6, half time) — Cummings 6, Rogers 6, G. Campbell 9. Total: 70.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 HEIDELBERG 0 at Middle Park.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 6 — Pye 3, Kafalidis 8, Baxter 8, Turner 7 — Wright 6, Christopoulos 6, Davidson 8, Lutton 8 — Campbell 6, Cummings 6. Total: 76.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — McMillan 7, Yzendoorn 9, P. Bannon 8, Tansey 8 — Campbell 7, Semelidis 7, Rooney 8 — Bozikas 6 (inj. sub Williams 6th), Paton 2 at Olympic Park.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — McMillan 7, Yzendoorn 9, P. Bannon 8, Tansey 8 — Campbell 7, Semelidis 7, Rooney 8 — Cole 7, Paton 7, Bozikas 6 (inj. sub Williams 6th). Total: 79.

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HEIDELBERG UTD 0 (Buljevic 38th, Taylor 70th) **SOUTH MELBOURNE 2** (Drakeford 82nd,

Kent 7, French 6, Olerton 8. Total: 66.

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SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 6 — V. Bannon 6, Christopoulos 6, Blair 9, Lutton 7 — Davidson 8 (inj. sub. Cummings 8th), Christopoulos 8, Rogers 6 — Campbell 7, Evans 6, Buljevic 7. Total: 73.

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SYDNEY CITY: Clark 9, Mullen 8, O'Connor 7, Gomes 7, Evans 7, Stevenson 8, Watson 8, Souness 7, Spanos 8, Cole 9, Trenter 7 (Silva 78').

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6, McMillan 7, Bannon 6, Provan 7, Tansey 7, Semelidis 6, Campbell 6, (Yzendoorn 70'), Rooney 8, Bozikas 5, Paton 6, Cole 9.



The ball whistles past and the Marconi men stare in dismay, as they did so often on Sunday. From left: Duncan Cummings of Hellas (background), Peter Brogan, Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Cent, Bertie Marian, Branko Buljevic (Hellas) and Tony Henderson. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Boden leads slick victory

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Roger Sherack



ball to Jamie Paton on the edge of the penalty area. However, Paton hesitated and allowed Clarke to race from his line and block the shot which should have been a certain goal.

Had the Bergers scored then the pressure would certainly have been Slackers and the game would have developed into a more even contest.

As it was, the Slickers slaved the game down and with their midfield engine room working to perfection. Then Semelidis, Jim Rooney and Jim Campbell toiled against the odds. Andy Bozikas was the first to get out of the game, while Paton and Cole had no service at all.

Boden showed his class in the 57th minute after beating four players in a dazzling 50 metre sprint. His final cross was put away neatly by the linesman.

Trenter repeated the trick minutes after the restart, scoring from an offside position, and likewise, gave away a free kick.

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Celtic to report controversial Greek referee

By GERRY McNEE
in the Daily Star

CELTIC are to report controversial Greek referee Nikolaos Lagoyanis to UEFA for assaulting striker Frank McGarvey during an aftermath banquet in Rumania.

I witnessed the incredible incident at the Hotel Continental in Timisoara when the FIFA-listed referee tried to provoke the player.

Immediately after I had interviewed the Greek match official, I was invited to join Celtic players David Proven, Mike Conroy and McGarvey at their table.

And within a minute Lagoyanis suddenly appeared beside McGarvey whom he had ordered off the Celtic's farcical 1-0 defeat in the European Cup Winners' Cup-tie on Saturday afternoon.

Without warning, he stabbed McGarvey under the cheek with his finger, repeated the action and sneered: "You know me, you know me."

Wisely, the Celtic player refused to retaliate, and within seconds officials from both Celtic and their opponents Politehnica had defused the situation.

Lagoyanis, involved in a near riot in Turkey last year, and seen off the players and booked five during Celtic's match — a game which was never really physical.

He had been wining and dining at a table with Rumanian officials for a couple of hours when I approached him to ask questions about his performance.

He was more than eager to give me a blow by blow account, starting off by telling me that he was a "professor of theology in Piraeus."

He added: "I thought most of the Celtic players were well disciplined in the second half."

"My linesman had already brought him to my attention and I had watched him myself before booking him. He kept talking back and I had to order him off."

I challenged Lagoyanis that he had over-reacted in all his bookings and orderings off, but he replied:

"It was a difficult game to handle with Politehnica desperate to score a goal and Celtic equally desperate to avoid losing one."

"I thought the Celtic players kicked a lot in the first half, and that I did not like."

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Uruguay's sole survivor

The Copa de Oro will be of special significance to Ernesto Mascheroni, 73, the only survivor of The Uruguay team that won the first World Cup in Montevideo in 1930.

The Copa de Oro is a tournament that marks the 50th anniversary of the World Cup.

Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, West Germany, Italy, Holland (instead of England which declined) will compete for 30 December to 10 January.

Group A comprises Uruguay, Holland and Italy, Group B is made up of Argentina, Brazil and West Germany.

The competition will be televised world-wide and will be seen in Melbourne and Sydney on the new Channel 0.

What was the training like in those days?

I know what mine was like and believe that the others'

Ernesto Mascheroni is preparing to act as protagonist of this event, for from now on it is inconceivable for the world Press to go to Uruguay and resist the temptation of making people there talk about its delightful history.

We asked Mascheroni

How did the general public react to the fact that the concrete was still fresh on the day of the opening?

Without any apprehension. The entrance tickets were sold many days ahead and virtually all the stadium was full by early morning. Traces of footprints remained in some sectors and as the scaffolding reached the upper parts of the stands, many people climbed up there to watch the matches.

What was the training like in those days?

I know what mine was like and believe that the others'

training was more or less the same. I practised with the spade and shovel and did a mason's work. As the firm belonged to a relative of mine, I used to escape and play for a while and returned to my concrete. Our captain, Nasazzi, had built the Legislative Palace as masonry cutter. Pedro Crepa supplied ice in the city, which he unloaded from a cart onto his shoulder.

What did your pay consist of?

Basically, we got a sandwich and a root beer (non-alcoholic barley beverage) although everyone was pleased with the victories, of course, and suddenly some money, a suit, a pair of shoes would appear. But it was gratifying to see people happy. I feel that in football, the major evil is an excess of money. Before it was far more a question of honour. Whether we would beat the Argentinians or lose against

them was a matter of life or death.

By the way after the final, relations between Uruguay and Argentina were tense and they only played each other five years later in the South American championship in Lima in 1935. Seen half a century later, what happened really?

In reality, that match continued being played since the final of the Olympic Games in 1928 when we won. And you can imagine what the atmosphere was like. Note what happened to Gardel, the biggest star of popular music from Rio de Janeiro, whose popularity increased despite his death in 1934, summed up by the phrase "He sings better every day". He came over to us first to sing some tangos and then went over to the others. Well, because of this, the Argentinians became annoyed and did not want to listen to him — an offence.

The match? Tough as is appropriate for men, with a Belgian referee (Langenbos) who did not know anything and everyone pretended they did not understand in order to obtain an advantage. The Argentinian team was marvellous and, in order to beat them, one had to put in a lot of effort.

Were you ever a coach?

Never! All I did was "management" lifts in a bank where I worked until my retirement. Why coaches? Only the player can solve the problems arising on the playing field. What does a player do if he meets another who beat him? Ask the coach?

Which member on a team would you not like to omit?

The masseur. But on the condition that he works as he should with coconut soap and some drops of oil!

He's 35 and still the king of Europe

THE footballer who sold Father Time a dummy, landed home last week.

Franz Beckenbauer is back from America to start again in the German First Division at 35.

He's the only survivor of the 1966 England v Germany World Cup final who can still star at the top level and he hasn't changed at all.

Three years in the land of T-bone steaks haven't blurred that boyish outline. There's no grey in his quiff.

"He's looked after him self," says Alan Ball, speaking with the authority of someone who played against Beckenbauer in 1966 and was still playing against him in Vancouver this year.

Ball, now player-manager of



who hasn't changed in appearance through the years.

"When English players get past 30, the managers talk about replacing them. It makes the players feel old and they start letting themselves go.

"Clough and Taylor are no mugs. I played for them and Peter Taylor told me: 'You'll last until you're 36 if you take care of your weight.'

"Beckenbauer has watched himself on the scales. I marvelled at him in the Bowl final. I could pass the ball — but not like him.

"He never panics. He has time on the field, and time off it for everyone. He's a quiet, lovely person. And he's playing

wants, who hits 40 yard balls off the outside of his foot and

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ing football for enjoyment now because he certainly doesn't need the money."

Yet, the money keeps showing upon Beckenbauer. The sports firm Adidas have signed him on a life contract and BP (a British firm, as the TV ads keep telling us), have snapped him up on an individual deal.

And he picked up a New York testimonial from 71,000 fans — America's biggest crowd this season.

So Franz is a millionaire, and he replaces tycoon Kevin Keegan as Hamburg's main attraction.

He watched them contest the German League leadership at Bayer Munich, the club where Beckenbauer won everything. The World Cup,

the European Cup, the Cupwinners' Cup, European Footballer of the Year — every medal possible is on his mantlepiece.

That treasury is founded on a right foot that could enter for Münsterland and which is going to be around for a further two years. "Then, I'll think about planning my future, which will remain in Europe," he says.

So, there's two years left for a kid to prepare to seize the vacant throne. Who knows who he'll be or if he even exists. For the Beckenbauer story sums up the present crisis in football — here's a fellow of 35 filling grounds and making fortunes without a challenger in sight.

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Ian McKie (West Adelaide) and Paul Kay (St George).

These are the goalscorers and player ratings (based on the JAT award) for each of the Philips League clubs. Ratings are listed first, then in brackets the number of appearances in starting line-ups and as substitutes.

ADELAIDE CITY

20-26 matches

7.6 Jones (26)
7.56 Muniz (25)
7.5 Dods (21)
7.3 Marshall (26), Russell (22 & 1), Perin (22), Meltta (20 & 3)
7.2 B... Nyskohus (26), J. Nyskohus (25)

10-19 matches

7.3 Barnes (16)
7.2 Northcote (10 & 4)
7.1 Besir (9 & 2)
7.0 Mitchell (7 & 3)
6.8 Marocchi (13 & 3)

1-9 matches

7.8 Fashanu (5)
7.2 Deans (5)
7.0 Signore (1 & 1)
6.7 Muir (3 & 2)
6.0 Smythe (1 & 1)

PLAYERS USED: 19

Goalscorers

12. J. Nyskohus
9. Barnes
3. Mitchell, Fashanu
2. Northcote, Dods, Jones, Meltta

1. Muniz, Muir, Deans
og Cowburn (Newc.), Rogers (SM)

APIA-LEICHHARDT

20-26 matches

7.5 Wilson (24)
7.4 O'Connor (26)
7.3 Woodhouse (26)
7.2 Dempsey (21 & 1)
7.0 McGinn (20 & 1)
6.9 Pullen (21 & 1)
6.5 McCausland (24 & 1)

10-19 matches

7.1 Butler (16), Morsello (13 & 5)
6.9 Coyne (14)
6.8 Skellern (16 & 2)
6.4 Drews (4 & 6)
6.2 Pirie (18)
6.0 McKie (8 & 2)

1-9 matches

6.9 Stones (7), O'Donnell (6 & 1)
6.8 Harding (9)
6.7 Samuels (2 & 4)
6.1 Bradley (9)
6.0 Watt (1)
No rating: Gray (0 & 1)

PLAYERS USED: 21

Goalscorers

10. O'Connor
4. Pirie
3. Samuels, Harding
2. Coyne
1. Bradley, McCausland, McKie, Morsello, og Summerscales (Newc.)

BLACKTOWN CITY

20-26 matches

7.4 Poiner (22)
7.1 Turnbull (2 & 1)
7.0 Hunter (22)
6.8 Harris (20 & 1)
6.4 Wilkinson (21)
6.3 Hormazabel

10-19 matches

7.7 Freeman (10)
7.4 Cuk (9 & 1)
7.2 Selvage (17), James (16)
6.7 O'Donnell (17)
6.6 Izaat (18), Stowell (14)
6.5 Ortega (10 & 1), Pollard (9 & 8)
5.4 Fisher (10 & 3)

1-9 matches

8.0 Charlton (1)
7.5 Dalton (2 & 2)
7.0 Rasmussen (3 & 4), Landon (1), B. Campbell (0 & 1)
6.5 Taylor (2)

SCORERS AND STARS OF '80



6.3 D. Campbell (7 & 1),
Harding (7)
6.0 Amey (6 & 1)
5.0 Manning (0 & 2), Pena (0 & 1)
PLAYERS USED: 27

Goalscorers

9. Wilkinson
6. Hunter
4. O'Donnell
2. Fisher, Ortega, Pollard, Izaat, Selvage
1. Charlton, Pointer, Harding, Hormazabel og O'Reilly (Fooths)

BRISBANE CITY

20-26 matches

7.84 Ratcliffe (25)
7.7 Perry (25 & 1)
7.5 Potter (24 & 1)
7.0 Wilkinson (26), Caldwell (15 & 7), Kelso (24 & 1)
6.8 Low (16 & 4)
6.7 Palinkas (17 & 4)

10-19 matches

7.5 Wishart (17)
7.3 Coe (9 & 2)
7.2 Hamilton (18), Conner (11)
7.1 Pimblett (17)
7.0 Brusasco (6 & 9)
6.9 Gaffney (17 & 1)

1-9 matches

7.9 Runje (1)
6.7 Tripp (2 & 3)
6.5 Confessore (2 & 2), McCluskey (6), Vincenzino (2 & 1)
6.4 Coyne (7)

PLAYERS USED: 21

Goalscorers

9. Kelso
4. Ratcliffe
3. Palinkas
2. Brusasco, Gaffney, Hamilton, McCluskey, Conner, 1. Caldwell, Potter, Low.

BRISBANE LIONS

20-26 matches

8.3 Hermitson (26)
7.8 Ontong (23)
7.7 Bennett (26)
7.5 Niven (25)
7.4 Hogg (23 & 2)
7.2 Millman (26)
6.7 Lindsay (21)
6.3 McNaughton (18 & 2), Verweij (17 & 3)

10-19 matches

7.4 Scanlan (19)
7.1 Wilson (14 & 4)
6.6 Mc Gregor (12 & 2)
6.3 Hughes (8 & 2)
5.8 Ogden (5 & 6)

1-9 matches

7.4 Wright (5 & 1)
7.3 Spearritt (3 & 3)
7.1 Lowndes (7)
7.0 Lawrie (1 & 2)
6.5 Daunt (2 & 3)
6.4 Reid (5 & 1)
5.5 Burns (1 & 2)
No rating: Amos (0 & 1)

PLAYERS USED: 22

Goalscorers

8. Millman
3. Ontong, Mc Gregor
2. Niven, Lindsay, Verweij
1. Hermitson, McNaughton, Hughes, Reid, Wright, Spearritt, Hogg, og Williams (Can.)



Heidelberg captain Pat Bannon heads clear above Canberra's Sebastian Giampaolo.

CANBERRA CITY

20-26 matches

7.86 Milovanovic (21)
7.7 Cole (24)
7.4 J. O'Shea (26), R. O'Shea (22 & 1), Wilson (21)
7.3 Brennan (18 & 51), Giampaolo (17 & 4)
7.2 Moulis (24)
7.1 Maclarens (13 & 7), Byrne (21 & 1)
6.9 Valeri (20 & 5)

10-19 matches

7.7 Stark (17)
7.5 Williams (16 & 1), Farrell (13 & 3)

1-9 matches

7.2 M. O'Shea (6 & 1)
7.0 Milne (3 & 1), Cozella (1 & 5)
5.3 Potter (2 & 1)
5.0 Simic (1 & 6)

PLAYERS USED: 19

Goalscorers

7. Vasic
5. Lujic
4. Picioane
3. Ollerton, Ilioski
2. Belic, Kondaratos, Hazabent

1. Jovanovic, Petrov, Cozella og Caldwell (BNC)

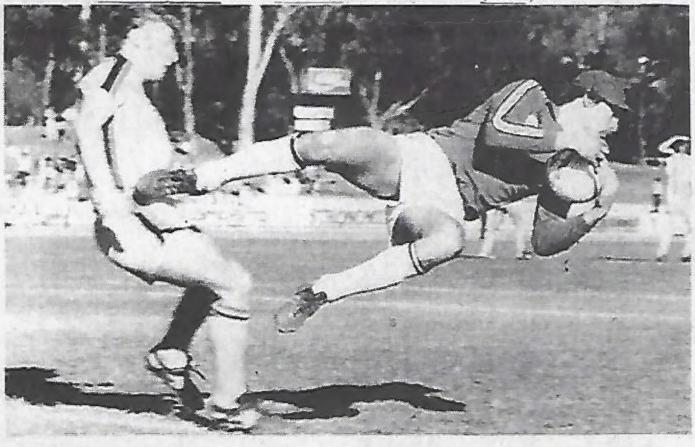
HEIDELBERG UNITED

20-26 matches

7.77 Tansey (26), Campbell (26)
7.7 McMillan (26)
7.6 Yendoorn (24)
7.6 P. Bannon (26), Rooney (22 & 1), Paton (26)

1-9 matches

7.5 Cole (25)
7.1 Selemidis (26), Bozikas (24 & 1)



Adelaide City goalkeeper Peter Marshall makes a flying save against Newcastle.

10-19 matches

7.2 Banovic (18)

6.7 Taylor (4 & 6)

1-9 matches

7.4 Olver (8)

7.0 Provan (2 & 2)

Yankos (0 & 1)

6.0 Williams (2 & 6)

PLAYERS USED: 16

Goalscorers

21. Cole

15. Paton

6. Campbell

5. Bozikas

4. Yendoorn

3. Rooney

1. Selemidis

MARCONI

20-26 matches

7.6 Maher (25)

7.4 Byrne (23), Sharne (25)

7.3 Jankovics (25 & 1)

7.1 Prskalo (22), Krnecic (22 & 1)

7.0 Raskopoulos (23 & 1)

6.9 Brogan (21 & 1)

10-19 matches

7.4 Vieri (12 & 3)

7.3 Cant (12 & 2)

7.2 Henderson (15 & 1)

6.9 Mariani (13 & 4), Russell (9 & 2)

6.8 Degney (16)

6.7 Lindsay (7 & 7)

6.3 Muir (14 & 1)

1-9 matches

7.0 Corry (1)

No rating: Selvage (0 & 1)

PLAYERS USED: 18

Goalscorers

16. Jankovics

13. Kracevic

8. Sharne

7. Byrne

3. Vieri

2. Mariani

1. Raskopoulos, Lindsay

og Russell (AC) 2

NEWCASTLE KB UTD

20-26 matches

7.88 Reaney (26)

7.5 Bertogna (23), Drinkwater (26)

7.3 Curran (23 & 1)

7.2 Tredinnick (18 & 3), Heys (19 & 2)

7.0 Jones (24)

6.9 Mason (19 & 3)

10-19 matches

7.6 Preston (10)

7.4 Dando (16), Senkalski (17 & 1)

7.0 McClelland (9 & 4)

6.9 Hughes (9 & 1)

6.8 Burrows (11 & 4)

6.7 Sneddon (10 & 4)

1-9 matches

7.0 Clarke (19), Thomson (11 & 1)

7.2 Trener (12 & 1)

7.0 Silva (18)

6.9 Smith (11 & 2)

1-9 matches

7.0 Gomez (5)

6.9 Pezzano (7 & 1)

6.5 Borges (2 & 2)

6.0 Patikas (2 & 3)

No rating: Marcus Silva (0 & 6)

PLAYERS USED: 19

Goalscorers

13. Boden

10. Barnes

8. Stevenson

6. Trener

4. Smith

3. Spanos, Watson

1. Borges, Souness, Mullen, Gomez



APIA'S Socceroo goalkeeper Greg Woodward.

ST. GEORGE BSC

20-26 matches

7.1 Utjesenovic (20)

6.8 Katholos (18 & 3)

6.6 Griffiths (22)

6.5 Duarte (20 & 1)

6.4 McIntosh (25)

10-19 matches

7.3 Russell (14), Stone (16), E. Campbell (14)

7.1 Barton (8 & 4), Fraser (18)

7.0 Kay (12 & 5)

6.5 Beggs (10 & 4)

6.3 Hadley (9 & 4)

6.2 Terry (17)

6.1 Cotton (11 & 5)

1-9 matches

7.0 Skeen (9), Scharfegger (2)

6.9 Davies (8)

6.7 Yamine (2 & 1)

6.4 Smith (8)

6.2 Groome (7)

6.0 Gnavi (8 & 1), Fenughy (0 & 2), Bulloch (0 & 1)

5.5 Mihajlovic (4)

No rating: R. Fraser (0 & 1)

PLAYERS USED: 27

Goalscorers

11. Duarte

4. Cotton

3. Griffiths, Campbell

Katholos

2. Beggs, Kay, Stone

1. Utjesenovic, Barton

SYDNEY CITY

20-26 matches

8.04 Watson (24 & 2)

7.91 Barnes (23)

7.77 Boden (26)

7.6 Mullen (19 & 3)

7.5 Stevenson (26), O'Conor (21)

7.4 Bruce (24)

7.3 Spanos (23 & 2)

6.6 Souness (14 & 9)

10-19 matches

7.7 Clarke (19), Thomson (11 & 1)

7.2 Trener (12 & 1)

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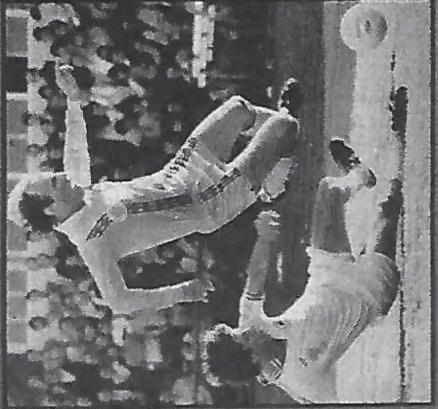
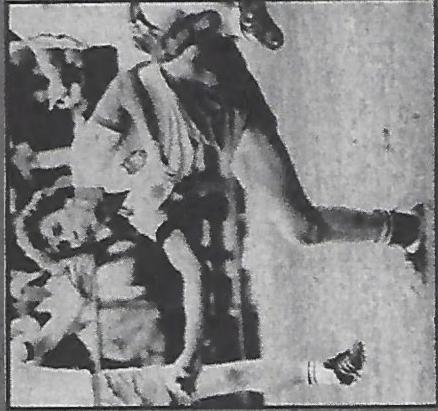
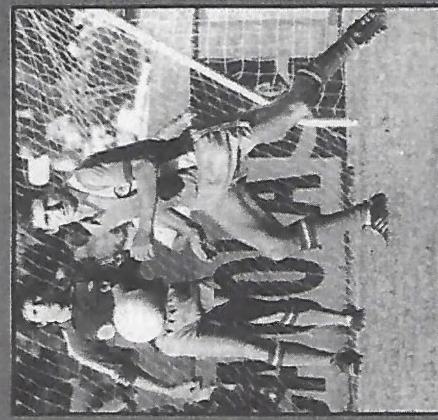
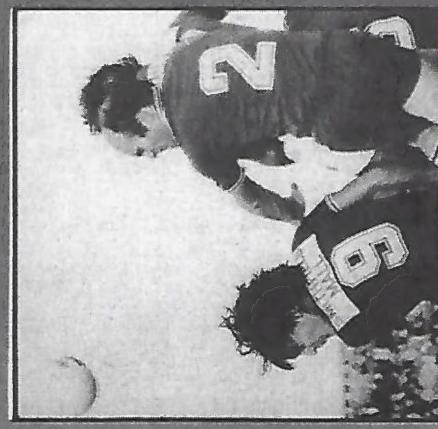
This is "Soccer Action's 1980 Team of the Year based on votes gained in the Yugoslav Airlines (JAT) Player of the Year award. Runners-up in each position are also shown. Voting averages are indicated. Only players who were rated in a minimum of 20 games have been included.



Last year's team of the year:

Martyn CROOK (W. Adelaide)	Ivo PRSKALO (Marconi)	George POTTER (Brisb. City)	Col CURNAN (Newcastle)
Steve PERRY (Brisb. City)	Jim CAMPBELL (Heidelberg)	Jimmy ROONEY (Heidelberg)	Mark JANKOVICS (Marconi)
	Ken BODEN (Newcastle)	Branko BULJEVIC (Heidelberg)	Zdravko LUJIC (Footscray)

1978 team of the year: Crook (W Ad), B. Nikolicus (Adel), B. Degney (Marc), Boyle (W Ad), McGachy (W Ad), Vieri (Marc), Sherna (Marc), Boden (W Ad), Pve (St. Melb.), Reynolds (W Ad), 1977 Team of the Year: Crook (W Ad), Pve (St. Melb.), Hermiston (Brisb. City), Wilson (West Sub), Watson (Syd Cl), Rooney (Marc), Watson (Syd Cl), Buljevic (W Ad), Richards (Marc), Barnes (Marc), Hargreaves (H'berg).

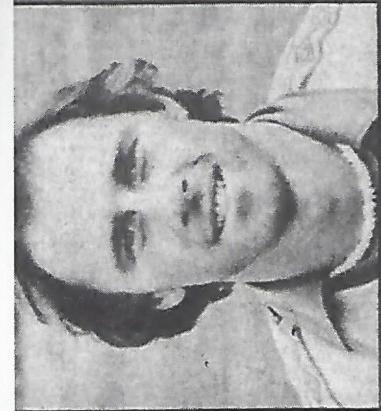


Vince BANNON (8.04)
(5th Melb.)
7.78 Reaney (News) 7.66
7.82 Ontong (BL) 7.66

Jim HERMISTON (8.3)
(Brisb. Lions)
7.66 Yzendoorn (H'berg)
7.66 Lutton (St. Melb.)

Mike MILOVANOVIC (7.85)
(Canberra C)
7.84 Ratcliffe (BC)
7.76 Bennett (BL)

Jim TANSEY (7.66)
(Heidelberg)
7.5 Niven (BL)
7.4 Bruce (SC)



Duncan
COLE (7.7)
(Canberra C)
7.59 Rooney (H'berg)
7.434 G. Byrne (Marc)



Jim
CAMPBELL (7.76)
(Heidelberg)
7.56 Muniz (Adel C)
7.43 Hogg (BL) 7.38



Joe
WATSON (8.04)
(Sydney City)
7.5 G. Cole (H'berg)
7.21 Manecas (W. Ad)



Ken
BODEN (7.76)
(Sydney City)
7.6 Paton (H'berg)
7.3 Jankovics (Marc)



Murray
BARNES (7.91)
(Sydney City)
7.5 Stevenson (SC)
J. O'Shea (Can)



George
CAMPBELL (7.62)
(Sth Melbourne)
7.42 O'Connor (APIA)
7.36 Sharne (Marc)

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YOUTH REPORT

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Double for Heights

Sunshine Heights scored a major victory for sport in the west, recording a winning double during the Victorian Cup finals at Brighton.

U/11 Sunshine Heights 2 — Fawkner 1. The Sunshine boys were well on top in this half, but missed many chances through being over anxious. The Heights boys drew first blood through a well taken penalty kick by Andrew Marth. The player put in many good shots. Some deserved better fate. John Markovski broke through with a great shot to make it 2-0. David Galea in goal was having a good game for Heights. From one of his good saves, he was unlucky to drop the ball behind the goal line. Sunshine dominated most of the second half, Boris Basinovski, hit the post, but missed two other easy chances. Markovski, three times had shots blocked by the Fawkner keeper. Best-A. Marth, D. Galea, M. Risteski, J. Papamal.

U/12 Sunshine Heights 1 — Knox City 0. This was a hard-fought game with neither side determined to lose. Sunshine scored when combination of passes between Andrew Galea and Mathew Saliba ended with the latter scoring a brilliant goal. Previous to that Leon Krol in the Heights goal, made an acrobatic save, turning a strong shot for a corner. Knox City were piling on the pressure, and in one of their attacks Krol saved with Knox City hitting the bar from the rebound. A. Galea and M. Saliba got Heights into attack but defenders John Scerri, Rob Dragovic and Jeff Ryan were outstanding. In the second half D. Smith had a good break for corner and most of the time, the entire Heights team fought well to earn a victory for the West. Best J. Scerri, A. Galea, D. Smith, J. Ryan, R. Dragovic.



Croydon wins thrilling final

Croydon City won the 1980 Victorian under-16 Cup after a tense battle against Macedonia which went into extra time before Croydon's Gary Ferguson scored the decisive goal for a 4-3 win.

With 10 minutes of normal time left, Croydon led 2-0 through goals by Martin Camp and Guy Bekker but Macedonia fought back and scored twice in the dying moments to force the match into extra time.

Pictured: Croydon City's under-16's, back row: M. Wil-

son, R. Siasons, R. van Buul, L. Seesi, G. Ferguson, G. Bekker. Middle row: K. Kontra (coach), M. Kerr, I. Harper, H. Meyer, D. Yates, J. van Buul (team manager). Front row: M. Camp, D. Bishop (captain), G. Long, S. Weatherstone.

Calling all youth stars!

Victorian youth coach Bill Curran is looking for players to try out for the State under 18 team.

Players born on or after 1 August 1963 can ring Bill on 534 4304.

Hat-trick heroes

The "Soccer Action" Hat Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scored three or more goals against any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

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1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
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3. The team against which he scored the goals.

4. Date of game.

5. Send the information to "Soccer Action" 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic., and we will forward the certificate free of charge as an incentive to keep on scoring those goals!

Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

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second to none facilities and given some measure of success could command attendances comparable with some of the current PSL clubs.

I see this proposal as concentrating the best teams and the best players in the top division. Two-up, two-down will ensure greater interest overall and a better chance of spectator appeal.

With immediate heavy commitment to the World Cup qualification, the thought of summer soccer must be shelved until 1983 at the earliest. An early analysis of attendances at earlier season matches in March or in mid and late October would indicate that soccer does not hold any more attraction at these times than in the winter months. Moreover the lack of proper floodlight facilities at most grounds makes such a proposition unmanageable at the moment.

I would advocate that the shortened season commences with a two-legged (alternate home and away) knockout League Cup competition involving only the 20 league clubs during April, to be followed by the 18-week league competition from May through to mid-September interspersed by early rounds of our version of the English FA Cup (set weekend dates, please from now on) involving more local State League teams. Later rounds of this Cup competition can then play in September after the league competitions and climaxing with the final on the first weekend in October.

I see the actions needed in meeting these objectives as being —

Firstly the Philips Australian Soccer League season by reducing the competition to two divisions of 10 clubs each.

This can be best achieved by relegating the bottom four teams from the present league and supplementing them with six new clubs to form a Division 2. The six new applicants must be high-profile clubs, with emphasis placed on youth, sound management, ground facilities and potential spectators appeal rather than on so-called 'big name' star player promises or the financial influence of club officers.

This date must be fixed so that it becomes as traditional as the FA Cup final (the first Saturday in May).

A neutral ground must be the permanent venue for the show-piece game, either the Sydney Cricket Ground or Olympic Park, Melbourne, providing this venue is not the home ground of one of the team's.

This date would not clash with the grand finals of the other football codes which could help media saturation around Australia, eventually in direct telecasting of the 'big day' to all other States.

The top-four competition

can be expanded. Please let me know if you have any comments.

2. Even the best-supported clubs in all States cannot attract the support they had in the sixties and early seventies. Perhaps Queensland has found the proper solution, but theirs must be a costly project and to sustain its impact long-term,

3. State League competitions will never again attract the support they had in the sixties and early seventies. Perhaps Queensland has found the proper solution, but theirs must be a costly project and to sustain its impact long-term,

4. The W.A. competition

Simic's transfer to pay off soon

J.U.S.T.'s 19-year-old forward Paul Simic reckons Cedo Cirkovic is an integral part of a successful J.U.S.T. side and the youngster remembers the boost in confidence he received when training under Cirkovic in 1979.

"The discipline's good when Cedo is there and my confidence was sky-high under him but unfortunately I tore ankle ligaments last year and it took me until half way through the season to recover peak fitness."

"By that time Cedo had gone but it's great to have him back because he commands so much respect from the players," said Simic.

When he was 11 Simic joined Macedonia's under-14's because the team manager wanted the youngster to develop experience by playing against older boys.

Simic played for Macedonia's under-15 and 16 sides and when he was 16 he achieved the rare distinction of captaining Macedonia's State League reserve side.

The coach then was Frank McAleer who changed the youngster from a left winger into a midfielder and gave Simic his chance to prove himself.

When McAleer left, Simic didn't get on well with the new reserve team coach and his rise to team captaincy was reversed within two weeks and the youngster found himself warming the bench.

He still played for the under-16's but it wasn't enough because he had his sights set on gaining senior selection for Macedonia.

"I was told that my relegation to substitute was temporary, to give another youngster a go," said Simic.

Paul Simic

"But after my week on the bench I played against Hakoah in the next game and I did well, yet I was told the next week that I was on the bench again and I realised that I would never get a fair go so I made up my mind to move."

Simic was undecided about his future as he was torn between transferring to J.U.S.T. or to Provincial League club Carlton Serbia.

"A friend of mine, Danny Acevski, was at J.U.S.T. and he talked me into joining him. Danny had played with the Macedonia reserves for a year before realising that there was little future for him there."

"I was sorry to leave my friends at Macedonia but when I saw what little future I had there I just had to move away.

"Every youngster wants to make the first team and if there is no hope for him he has to go."

"Just look at Macedonia's present first team. Not one player has come up through the junior ranks," said Simic.

"This youngster's move pleased his father, life-long J.U.S.T. fan. Simic now feels at home with J.U.S.T. as he strives to become a regular in the first team."

"If I ever leave J.U.S.T. it will be the finish of my effort to establish myself at the highest club level in Australia," he said.

Simic played most of this season in J.U.S.T.'s Second Division team with the majority of his PSL experiences confined to the substitutes' bench.

"You wouldn't believe the difference between Second Division and the PSL because the PSL is so much faster and closer."

"It takes quite a few games to become adjusted to the large gap between the leagues and it doesn't help when you are expected to be substitute until the last 20 minutes, then come on and perform miracles."

Simic's development has been built around constant practice of ball skills, mainly at the urging of his older brother Mike.

"When I was younger I spent many hours with Mike, learning a particular skill and practising movement time and time again."

With J.U.S.T. on the lookout to promote youth into its team for the 1981 season Simic should be one of the lucky ones and his dream to play in J.U.S.T.'s first team every week should soon be realisable.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

part timers, they must start to market themselves, endorse products and pay lip service to soccer's main sponsors, ie Phillips. Even the employment of professional agents would need to be considered.

The formation of an Australian-wide Soccer Players' Union would certainly assist, not only in the varied aspects of marketing, but in contracts, transfers, minimum wage, financial assistance and deployment.

Long-term sponsorship by leading commercial concerns must be undertaken. Leading finance corporations, banks, insurance companies, large manufacturing firms, publishing consortiums should be approached. Household names as sponsors add to publicity for our game. However, each possible outlet must be fully vetted, if only to avoid the embarrassment one leading Sydney club almost found itself in through the collapse of VIP Insurance.

In conclusion, unless there is a concerted effort to formulate a proper and acceptable administration policy and to correctly structure competitions, then the strides taken in the mid-seventies would have been wasted. It will need a great deal of soul-searching and compromise by all factors with the game if we are to get it right. After all that is what the players can understand.

Publicity officers, like those employed by Heidelberg United, are a must in selling the club and the game. All areas of the media must be kept fully informed of club events, team selection and corporate decisions within the club. Surely the clubs can learn from Australian Rules in adopting simple marketing ploys that place their clubs and their players in the lime-light.

Additionally, P.A. systems used at most grounds border on the hopeless. All announcements should be in English, the language the majority can understand.

They have staff of 50 in Soccer House but they have other commitments. They've got to make money somehow." Well, if this is the case, why don't they get off their backsides and promote some games or generate some worthwhile sponsorship, but for heavens' sake stop robbing the kids and the batters in the game.

I've been around enough state league players to know that very few if any pay their fines, so come on, "Soccer Action", live up to your name and let's see some sense for the game. I've been in touch with 14 amateur sports of all kinds and none of their disciplinary measures include money fines to individuals.

— JOHN "SHOCKER"

Stop fining amateurs

SIR, — After months of campaigning for a, no fines for amateur players rule to be brought into the VSF constitution, and running into many brick walls and non-committal so-called officials, I was hoping to get some public support through "Soccer Action".

I don't know if the VSF has any idea of how many young and old players they turn off the game by these ridiculous fines. I have lost two top up-and-coming players, both 19, because of the VSF's grab-money-at-all-costs attitude.

Chile, Hungary, Yugoslavia and now Kiwis

I hope you all settled back and had a good belly-laugh when you read last week that Australia wouldn't be playing New Zealand after all.

That match was to have been played on 24 September at the request of New Zealand but the ASF turned it down because it would clash with league fixtures.

Then came the news that both countries had agreed to play on 29 October.

At first the venue was uncertain but then it was announced that Melbourne would play host.

Last week we heard that the New Zealand Federation had called off the game after its national team had lost 0-4 and 0-3 to Canada on its tour.

How can such things happen between countries which pride themselves on the so-called progress they are making in sport? It seems to me they have no respect for each other whatsoever.

But it goes further than just the New Zealand game, of course. Remember those games that we were supposed to have had against Chile, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Scotland and Real Madrid?

I extend my sincere congratulations to

RALE RASIC

By BRUCE WADDELL

followed in 1978 and George Potter won last year.

Former Brisbane City PSL midfielder, Brian Kirby, won the State League Player of the Year award. Votes for this were supplied weekly by soccer writers around the State and Kirby won by one vote from Mareeba United's young star, Paul Trovalusci.

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Sydney on having won the 1980 Phillips League championship and on once again having shown itself to be the steadiest and most consistent team Australia had had in the past 10 years.

However, I was disappointed to read in an article by Brian Curran in the "Sydney Morning Herald" after Sydney City's match against Adelaide City in the second-last round, statements which simply weren't true.

The article was an interview with Sydney City's manager David Childs, who had not been at the match. Mr Childs claimed Murray Barnes had been sent off apparently because he had hit his team mate Kevin Muller (courageous indeed). The fact is however, that Muller was sitting on the bench when Barnes was sent off and that Barnes' clash had been with Glen Dodds.

It's this type of hogwash stopped.

I said to Sydney City boss Andrew Lederer before the game that there was no way Sydney City could win, as Adelaide City was playing top football towards the end of the season. We won fairly and squarely, so there should have been no attempt at making excuses.

In his excellent "Soccer Action" column a few weeks ago, Mike Johnson claimed in his analysis of Australia's top 10 coaches that I

have a tendency to spend heavily on the transfer market to buy success.

The fact is, that over my 13 years of management, with six clubs, I have spent only \$80,000 on transfers.

And during that period, the clubs concerned made a total of \$117,000 on transfers — a profit of \$37,000.

Here is the breakdown:

FOOTSCRAY: Bought no players.

MELBOURNE: Bought no players.

ST GEORGE: Bought Jack Reilly for \$5000 which was recouped when he was sold to Hakoah (Vic) and Doug Utješenovic for \$5000 — not a bad price for a player who has given 10 years' service.

MARCONI: Over five years spent \$44,000 and got \$71,000 back. Players bought: Peter Wilson and Max Tolson, Mark Jankovics, Peter Ollerton, Stuart Salvage, plus Branko, Carrizo, Kinnell and Ernie Campbell. In addition, Frskalo and Vieri came from overseas.

Wilson and Tolson cost \$8000 between them, yet I sold Wilson to Safeway Utd for \$10,000 and Tolson to City for \$4000.

Rooney cost \$4500 and I believe he went to Heidelberg for almost \$10,000.

Russell cost \$4000 and was sold for \$10,000.

Ollerton cost \$9000 but the money came back when he went to Footscray. Ollerton was signed free and sold to Blacktown for \$8000, Mark Jankovics cost \$7500 and according to Mike Johnson's calculations he is worth \$50,000.

At Pan Hellenic I invested only \$10,000 on three players — Tuimana, Rudic and Ille and got Gavril at no cost from overseas. Gavril was sold later to St George for about \$8000.

At Adelaide City I invested \$16,000 on Russell, Kent and Jones and the club got back \$32,500 from the sale of other players.

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Isn't it curious that the Philips Cup semi-final between Adelaide City and Heidelberg was decided on penalties yet when the Cup final finished in a draw, it was decided to have a replay?

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I wonder why some leading soccer-minded papers were not invited to the recent Press conference about the Philips League grand final. Do only the papers that write the "right" stories get such invitations?

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Well done, Newcastle. Its match against Singapore in Singapore will be televised in Newcastle on 25 October.

Ron Smith top coach, double to Hermiston

Jim Hermiston had made it a double by being voted Queensland's Player of the Year by that State's branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

The awards were announced last Friday night at the Association's presentation night at Perry Park. Guest speaker was Australian Soccer Federation marketing head, Rik Boot.

Hermiston, who earlier had captured the 1980 "Soccer Action" Player of the Year award, won in a close vote from Brisbane City's Steve Perry.

But Hermiston won because it was felt his club form at Brisbane Lions was far superior to that of any other player in Queensland this year.

The Press acknowledged Perry's continual selection in the national side by presenting him with a special recognition trophy.

Other players to receive votes in the Player of the Year award were Paul Ontong and Ron Millman (Brisbane Lions) and David Ratcliff (Brisbane City).

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contender among Grange Thistle's George Pagan (whose team won the grand final), Mt Gravatt's Fred Robins (State League champion) and Townsville United's Tim White (Ampol Cup).

Smith emerged the winner after leading Queensland to its first success in the national under-16 championships in Canberra.

He also went close with the Under-19's in the national youth titles, just missing out on the semi-finals after his team was undefeated in the lead-up games.

And Smith was also in charge of the Queensland team which produced a splendid 2-2 draw with Milan earlier this season.

Brisbane City's Barry Kelso did not attend the function to receive a trophy for being Queensland's leading PSL goalscorer.

Kelso had been under tremendous pressure leading up to the final relegation-saving match against Canberra City, and said he had broken down after the game.

He added he could not bare to have anything more to do with soccer this year and wanted a complete break. After being asked if he would continue with City, he said he had not given the matter any thought.



Queensland's top PSL scorer, Barry Kelso climbs high above Marconi opponents to head goalwards.



Our picture of the week was taken by E.C. Almiron of 2 Shorts Rd., Coburg, Vic., 3058. It shows Jorge Rubio scoring a penalty for Hotham United against Clayton goalkeeper Robin Hoodst.

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Heidelberg stalwart Paddy Bannon (right) points and screams out instructions as his Sydney City opponent Mark Trenter looks a little worse for wear.



Canberra's former Australian international left back Harry Williams (left) slide tackles West Adelaide's Manecas but Williams's team mate John O'Shea has won the ball.



Heidelberg and Australian striker Gary Cole (left) heads powerfully as Brisbane Lions' keeper Nigel Lowndes falls to punch clear. Lions' central defender Col Bennett seems to be ducking for cover.



Another goal to Croatia in the final of 1980 Victorian Dockerty Cup. At left is fallen Juventus defender Alex Nelson and Juventus keeper Jack Reilly looks displeased also. The only happy figure in the picture is Croatia's Cari Gildor, saluting the crowd. Picture: LES SHORROCK



The old and the new of the PSL. At left is Newcastle left back Col Curran about to be challenged by Hellas youngster Steve Blair.



Experienced George Cross defender Norm Maitland (left) prepares to challenge for a cross against Sunshine's Rob Nelson.



National team coach Rudi Gutendorf checks his watch inside the Olympic Park dressing rooms. The countdown has begun before Australia's clash with Mexico which ended in a 2-2 draw.

Canon CLUB CLOSE-UP

MAKEDONIA



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Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Makedonia was formed in 1967 but had to wait until 1967 to gain its first major honour — the Second Division South title. The club's list of credits are impressive. Metro First Division champion 1966/75, Metro Second Division champion 1973; Federation Cup winner 1973, 74; Cumberland Cup winner 1975; State League champion 1980. With its league triumph this year the club has gained the momentum which it hopes will take it into the 1981 PSL. Makedonia's application for PSL membership is backed by the club's extensive plans to provide seating for 1500 to 2000 spectators and cover for 1500 to 2000 at Connor Reserve. An excellent social club will be officially opened on 17 October on land owned by one of the club's companies, PMSC Makedonia Holdings Pty. Ltd.

BACK: Kile Ristovski (first aid officer); John Branov (president); Gordon Flavelle (from Scotland, 1979); Gary Ward (from England, 1979); John Graham (from England, 1979); Lou Kattner (from Kallit Australia, 1979); Peter Gleeson (from J.U.S.T. 1980); Stuart Cunningham (from Scotland, 1979); Brian Edgeley (coach); Nick Beashov (team manager).
FRONT: Rob Cullen (from George Cross, 1979); Steve Beech (from England, 1978); Mike Rainey (from Hakoah, 1979); George Michalion (from Azurri, Perth, 1978); Mike Petrovski (from Yugal Prague, 1978); Damilie (from Juniors); Jeff Faulkner (England), 1978; Claude Lucchesi (from Juventus, 1979).

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